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MMS,

I understand that the MMS is considering increasing fees for many typical and ordinary filings the MMS requires.

The rate increases that have been suggested are enormous, burdensome, and seem to be an extraordinarily high.

I have worked for big and little companies, Kerr-McGee and PetroQuest Energy. I have worked the MMS shelf and now Louisiana onshore. I am amazed at how frequently the state and MMS demand onerous fees from industry for everything.

I presently own Success Energy, LLC. I am registered to lease with the MMS. We have been in business less than 2 years. If these increases go into effect it will become one more barrier to prevent small newcomers coming offshore. The onerous bonding requirements to do business offshore are damaging already. If your desired effect is to stifle and stymie the introduction of new blood into the MMS waters then this is an excellent way to do it.

We both know the US offshore industry is the single largest contributor to the US Treasury. These increases are an example of government killing the goose that lays the golden egg.

These increases will only be detrimental in the long run to the US offshore industry and damage the nation's already weak petroleum industry.

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